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SUBJ: CIVIL AIR BILATERALS

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1. TWA OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEIR VISIT TO JIDDA HAS NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE. SAUDIA OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN TWA'S PROPOSALS FOR BLOCKED SEAT ARRANGEMENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT HAVE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE AND ARE CLEARLY UNPREPARED TO NEGOTIATE. TWA HAS BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE NO FORWARD MOVEMENT UNTIL BILATERAL IS SIGNED.

2. DCM MET WITH MFA DEPUTY MINISTER ON JAN 24 TO MAKE PLEA FOR SAG FLEXIBILITY IN UPCOMING NEGOTIATING ROUND. PIECE OF PAPER WAS LEFT COVERING POINTS IN PARA 6 STATE 295690. DEPUTY MINISTER'S RESPONSE WAS NONCOMMITTAL, THOUGH HE SEEMED UNIMPRESSED BY OUR ARGUMENT THAT U.S. LAW AND POLICY RULES OUT ACCEPTANCE OF SAUDI DEMANDS FOR LIMITS TO DESIGNATION, ROUTE STRUCTURE AND CHARTERS.

3. WE HAVE PROPOSED MAR 20 DATE FOR NEXT ROUND OF TALKS BUT AS YET HAVE NO RESPONSE. RESERVATIONS MADE FOR TEAM NIGHTS OF MAR 19-24 AT JIDDA KAKI HOTEL.
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4. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT SAUDIS WILL PROVE VERY FLEXIBLE IN COMING ROUND. THEY BELIEVE OUR DEMANDS FOR MULTIPLE DESIGNATION, OPEN-ENDED FREQUENCIES AND OPEN-ENDED CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS WILL SATURATE THE MARKET WITH U.S. CARRIERS AND EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE THEM FROM EVER OPENING THEIR OWN SERVICE ON COMMER-

CIAL BASIS. THEY WANT, AND BELIEVE SAUDI-U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP SHOULD SUPPORT, ONE-TO-ONE RECIPROCITY. WE HAVE, AS YET, NO INDICATION THAT POLITICAL LEVEL OF SAG WILL ORDER NEGOTIATING TEAM TO BACK DOWN. IN FACT, TWA'S PROBLEMS THIS WEEK SEEM SIGNAL IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION, THOUGH THEY CAME BEFORE AIRLINE OFFICERS COULD HAVE HEARD OF OUR PROPOSAL FOR NEW DATES, OR DEMARCHE TO MFA.

5. COMPLICATING THIS ISSUE IS PROBLEM OF FAA'S WITHDRAWAL OF FACILITIES FOR TYPE RATINGS OF SAUDIA PILOTS IN EUROPE (STATE 305227 AND PREVIOUS). SAUDIA MANAGEMENT IS MAKING ALTERNATIVE (THOUGH BURDENSOME) ARRANGEMENTS FOR TYPE RATINGS WITH PIEDMONT AIRLINES IN U.S., BUT FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT IS BEING LET DOWN BY USG AFTER YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION WITH U.S. CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES. WEST

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